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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHUA ET AL.

Examiner

Jasmine Clark

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

JASMINE CLARK
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Jasmine Clark

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Akram (US 5,936,305).

Akram teaches a device comprising a plurality of semiconductor dies 106, each semiconductor die having a back surface, and active surface and a plurality of signal connection devices (bond pad 110) on the active surface; a substrate 102 having a top surface, a bottom surface and a plurality of cavities formed in the top surface of the substrate 102, wherein each of the plurality of signal connection devices is positioned in one of the plurality of cavities and the active surface of the plurality of the semiconductor dies 106 are adhered to the top surface of the substrate 102, and wherein a plurality of openings is formed in the bottom surface of the substrate exposing the plurality of signal connection devices 110 therethrough; and a molding layer (see Fig. 5) over the top surface of the substrate and the back surfaces of the plurality of semiconductor dies 106.

Allowable Subject Matter

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2. Claims 2-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applied reference fails to teach including a first dielectric layer upon the bottom surface of the substrate; and a plurality of openings in the first dielectric layer exposing the plurality of signal connection devices therethrough.

3. Claims 13-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the applied reference fails to teach and/or suggest the limitations as set forth in claims 13-15, 25, and 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The references Cited

4. Akram et al. (US 6,617,687 B2) show a plurality of connection devices in a plurality of cavities. Goetz et al. (US 6,175,161 B1) show a plurality of signal, power and ground layers, eg, 12a-12d within a substrate with connection signal devices, eg, bumps connected therefrom. Nishimori (JP 63-69258) show a plurality of semiconductor dies and timing interconnection layer in a substrate.

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Telephone Inquiry Contacts

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jasmine Clark whose telephone number is (571) 272-1726. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas, can be reached on (571) 271-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**JASMINE CLARK
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jasmine Clark', is written over the printed name and title.